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DEDICATION

To Mrs. Annalean Johnson we proudly dedicate this volume of The Tatler as a lasting memorial for the guidance which she has given us through these, our Junior and Senior years.

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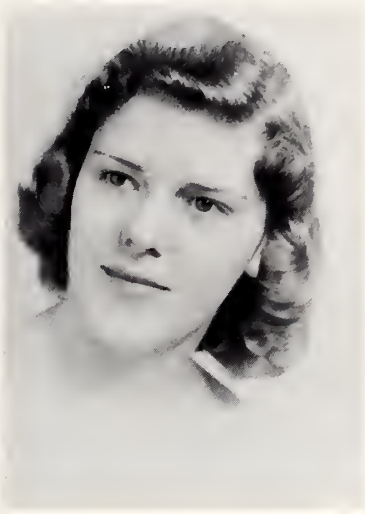

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CLASS COLORS: Blue and White

FLOWER: White Carnation

MOTTO: "To strive; to seek; to find; and not to yield."

CARROLL DUANE ALLEN
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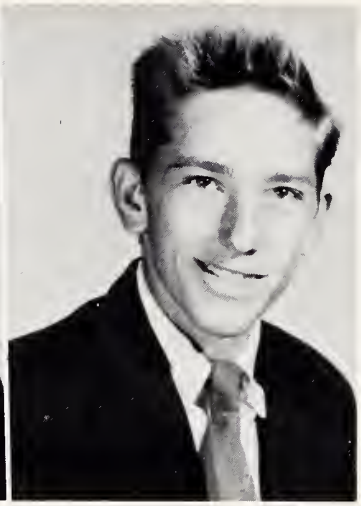
FHA 1; Basketball 1; Intramural 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4, Chief 3; Glee Club 3,4; Student Staff 2,3; Beta Club 2,3,4; Treasurer 3; Dramatics Club 3,4; Junior Play 3; Marshall 3; Senior Play 4; Tatler Staff 4, Assistant Editor; Dramatics Award 3.

RUTH BAREFOOT
FHA 1,2,4; FTA 2,4; Glee Club 4; Bus Driver's Club 4; Band 1,2.

NAOMI JEAN BENSON
4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1,3,4; FHA 1; FTA 3; Citizenship Council 2, Vice-President, Secretary 4; Intramural Basketball 1; Superlative 4.



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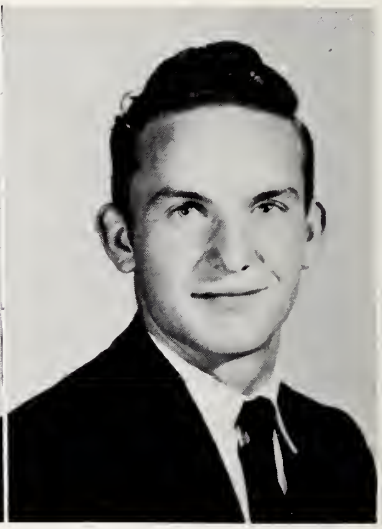
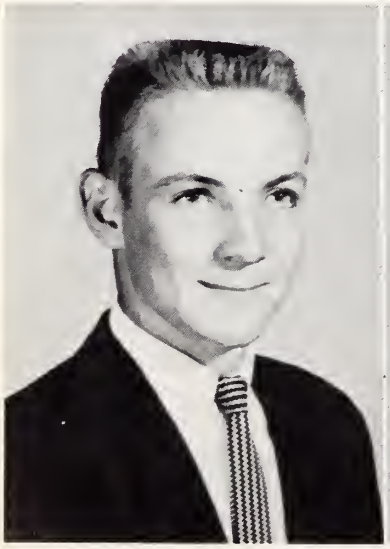
Glee Club 1,3,4; Drivers Education 2; Beta Club 2,3,4; Office Assistant 3; Marshal 3; Dramatics Club 3,4.

CHARLES BLACKMAN
4-H Club 1,2; Intramural Basketball 3; Student Staff 3; Tatler Staff 4.

GLENNIE RUTH BOAN
Dramatics Club 4; FHA 1.

ROY BYRD
Bus Drivers Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1; Wildlife Club 1; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3.





JAMES DONALD CLIFTON
Class Officer, President 1,4; Vice President 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,4, Captain 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Annual Staff 4, Student Staff 3; Class Play 3,4; Waiter Jr.-Sr. 2; Key Club 3,4; Bus Drivers Club 2,3,4; Superlative 4; Monogram Club 3,4; Dramatic Award 3.

SANDRA DAWN COATS
Dramatics Club 4; Glee Club 1,3,4; 4-H Club 1; Superlative 4.

BARBARA JEAN COATS
Glee Club 1,2,3; Dramatics Club 1.

LANDIS COATS
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 4; Monogram Club 3,4; Key Club 4; Superlative 4.

BILLY RAY CREECH
Veteran Key Club 4; Baseball 1; Superlative 4.

REBECCA DIXON
Music 1,2; Glee Club 1,4; Intramural Basketball 1; Beta Club 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Student Staff 3; Superlative 4.

DORIS DUNN
Glee Club 1,3,4; Science Club 1; 4-H Club 1,2.

KENNETH DORMAN
FFA 4; Bus Driver's Club 2; Key Club 2.

PAUL DUNN
FFA 1,2,3,4; Sentinel 3, President 4; Band 1,2,3; Science Club 3,4, President 3; Key Club 3,4, President 3,4; Junior Play 3; Football 4; Tatler Staff 4; Superlative 4; Senior Play 4; Vice President of Johnston County Federation 4.

RAY NELL EASON
4-H Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Dramatics Club 3,4, Class Officer, Reporter 1,2; Student Staff 3; Science Club, Vice President 4; Superlative 4; Junior Play 3; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3; Annual Staff 4.

JEAN DALE FREEMAN
Glee Club 1,3,4; FHA 1,2; Beta Club 2,3, 4, Secretary 4; Basketball 1,2; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 2, Reporter; FTA 3,4, Vice President 3, Secretary 4; Student Staff 3; Cheerleader 3, 4, Chief 4; Junior Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 4, Reporter; Superlative 4; Class Prophet 4.

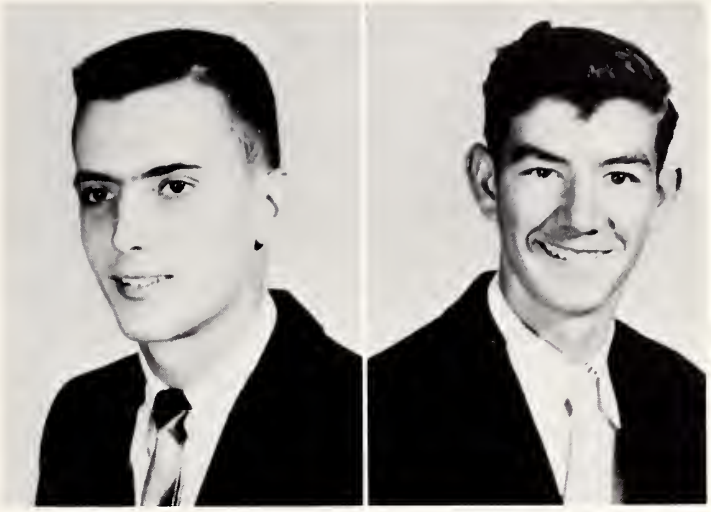
SYLVIA ALICE GAINES
Glee Club 1,3,4; FHA 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Scorekeeper 3; Beta Club 2,3,4, President 4; Tatler Staff 4; Drum Majorette 2,3,4; Marshall 3; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Senior Play 4; Superlative 4; Citizenship Council 2, President; Homecoming Queen 4; Cheerleader 4.

CHARLES GIBBS
4-H Club 1,2; Basketball Manager 1,2; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Key Club 4; Football 4.

LINDA LARUE HALL
4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1,3,4; Dramatics Club 4.

DAVID HALLER
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2; Dramatics Club 3; Football 4; Student Staff 3; Key Club 3,4.

WILLIE HAYES
FFA 1,2,3,4; Bus Driver's Club 3,4; Wild Life Club 1.

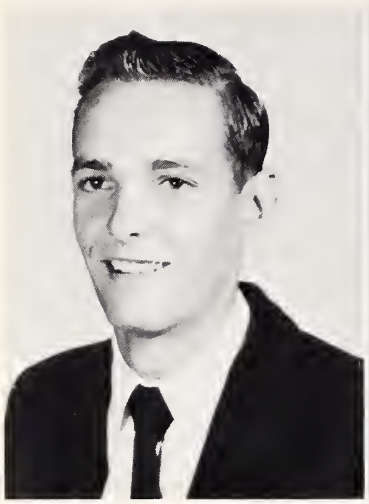


GLENWOOD HOLLAND
Bus Driver's Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1; Intramural Basketball 1,2; Waiter Jr.-Sr. Banquet 2; Wild Life Club 1; Superlative 4.

CHARLES HOLMES
Band 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2; Key Club 3, Secretary 3; Dramatics Club 3, President 4; Music 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Debating Team 3; Intramural Basketball 2,3; Student Staff 3; Superlative 4.

CHARLES INGRAM
Key Club 4; 4-H Club 1,2; Wild Life Club 1.

GERALD JOHNSON
4-H Club 1,2; Intramural Basketball 1,3; Monogram Club 3,4; Baseball 2; Key Club 4.

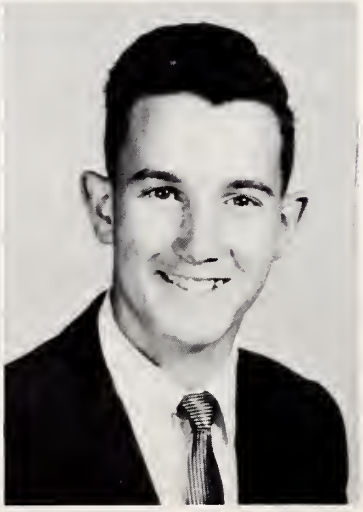


CHARLES E. LEE
Bus Driver's Club 2,3,4; FFA Club 1,2,3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Intramural Basketball 1, Wild Life Club 1.

JANET ROSE LEE
Citizenship Council 1; Glee Club 3,4; Bus Driver's Club 3; Science Club 3; Dramatics Club 4.

ANNIE LOUISE LEE
Science Club 2,3,4, President 4; Glee Club 1,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Class Officer, Treasurer 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Superlative 4.

MARY ELIZABETH MASSAD
Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, Manager 1; Intramural Basketball 1,2, Scorekeeper 1,2; FHA 1,2; FTA 3,4; Dramatics Club 3, Vice-President 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Student Staff 3; Marshall 3; Class Historian 4.



PATRICIA LANE MEDLIN
Basketball 1,2; FHA Club 1,2; FTA Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3; Beta Club 2,3,4; Student Staff 3; Tatler Staff 4; Superlative 4.

JERRY MORGAN
FFA 1,2,3,4, Reporter 3, Vice-President 4; Bus Driver's Club, Vice-President 3,4; Student Staff 3; Tatler Staff 4; Citizenship Council, President 4.

ARELETTE McLAMB
4-H Club 2; Glee Club 3,4.

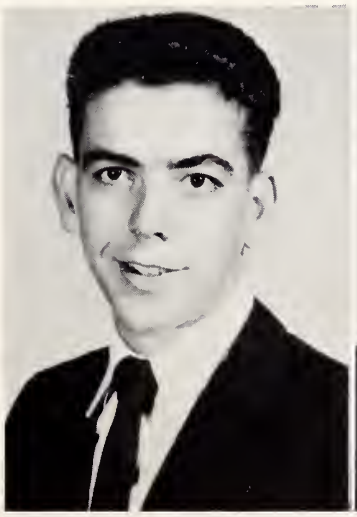
OLLIE FRANCES McLAMB
FHA 1,2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Science Club 3; Dramatics Club 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2.

PEGGY MATTHEWS NORDAN
Glee Club 2,4; Citizenship Council, Vice-President 2; Dramatics Club 2, Reporter 4; Bus Driver's Club 2,4; Beta Club 2,4.

MARY FRANCES OAKLEY
4-H Club 1; FHA 1,2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Intramural Basketball 1.

CECIL LeVAIL PARKER
FFA 1,2,3,4, Reporter 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Key Club 3,4; Bus Driver's Club 3,4; 4-H Club 1; Wildlife Club 1.

J. R. REGISTER
Basketball 1,2,4; Football 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Science Club 3; Dramatic Club 3; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Key Club 3,4, Treasurer 4; FTA 3,4, Parliamentarian 3; Band 1,2,3.



BARBARA ANN STEPHENSON
Glee Club 1,3,4; Dramatics Club 3; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Superlative 4.

EDWARD STEPHENSON
FFA 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2, 3,4; Superlative 4.

JOHNNY STRICKLAND
Key Club 4; 4-H Club 1,2; Wildlife Club 1.

BILLY STUART
FFA 1,2,3,4, Secretary 3,4; Bus Driver's Club 2,3,4, President 4; Key Club 4, Secretary 4; Class Officer, President 2, Vice-President 3; Student Staff 3; Tatler Staff 4; Senior Play 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Football 4, Captain 4; Waiter Jr. - Sr. 2; Citizenship Council 3, President 3; Superlative 4.

BETTY FRANCES SURLES
Citizenship Representative 1; Glee Club 1; FHA 1,2,3; Waitress Jr.-Sr. 2; Beta Club 2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Class Officer 2,3,4, Treasurer 2, Secretary 3,4; FTA 3,4, Librarian 3, President 4; Dramatics 3,4, Secretary 4; Intramural Basketball 2; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Class Testator; Superlative 4.

FRANCES THORNTON
Class Officer, Vice-President 1, Secretary 2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Waitress Jr.-Sr. 2; Dramatics Club 3; Cheerleader 2,3, 4; Student Staff 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 4; Superlative 4.

SYLVIA DORA VERNELSON
Glee Club 1,3,4; FHA 1; Athletic Association 1; Class Officer, Asst. Treasurer 4; Basketball 1,2; Student Staff 3; Annual Staff 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Superlative 4.

BONNIE FAYE WHEELER
Glee Club 1,3.

JEAN WOOD
Glee Club 1,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3.

JACKIE WOODALL
4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1,3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Sylvia Gaines

W. A. Barbour

BEST-ALL-ROUND

Louise Lee

Billy Stuart

BEST LOOKING

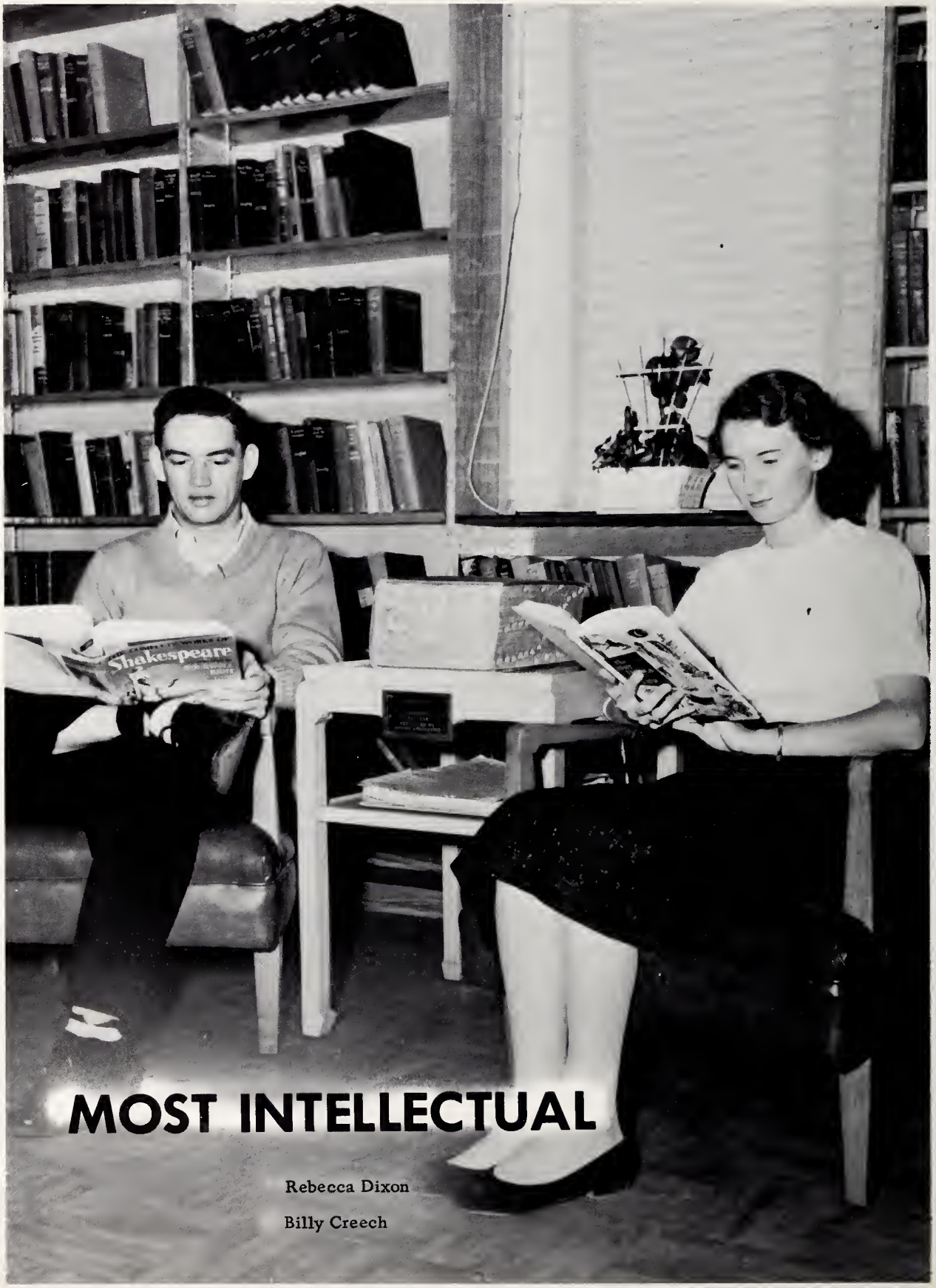
Jean Benson

Jerry Morgan

MOST DEPENDABLE

Pat Medlin

Charles Holmes



MOST INTELLECTUAL

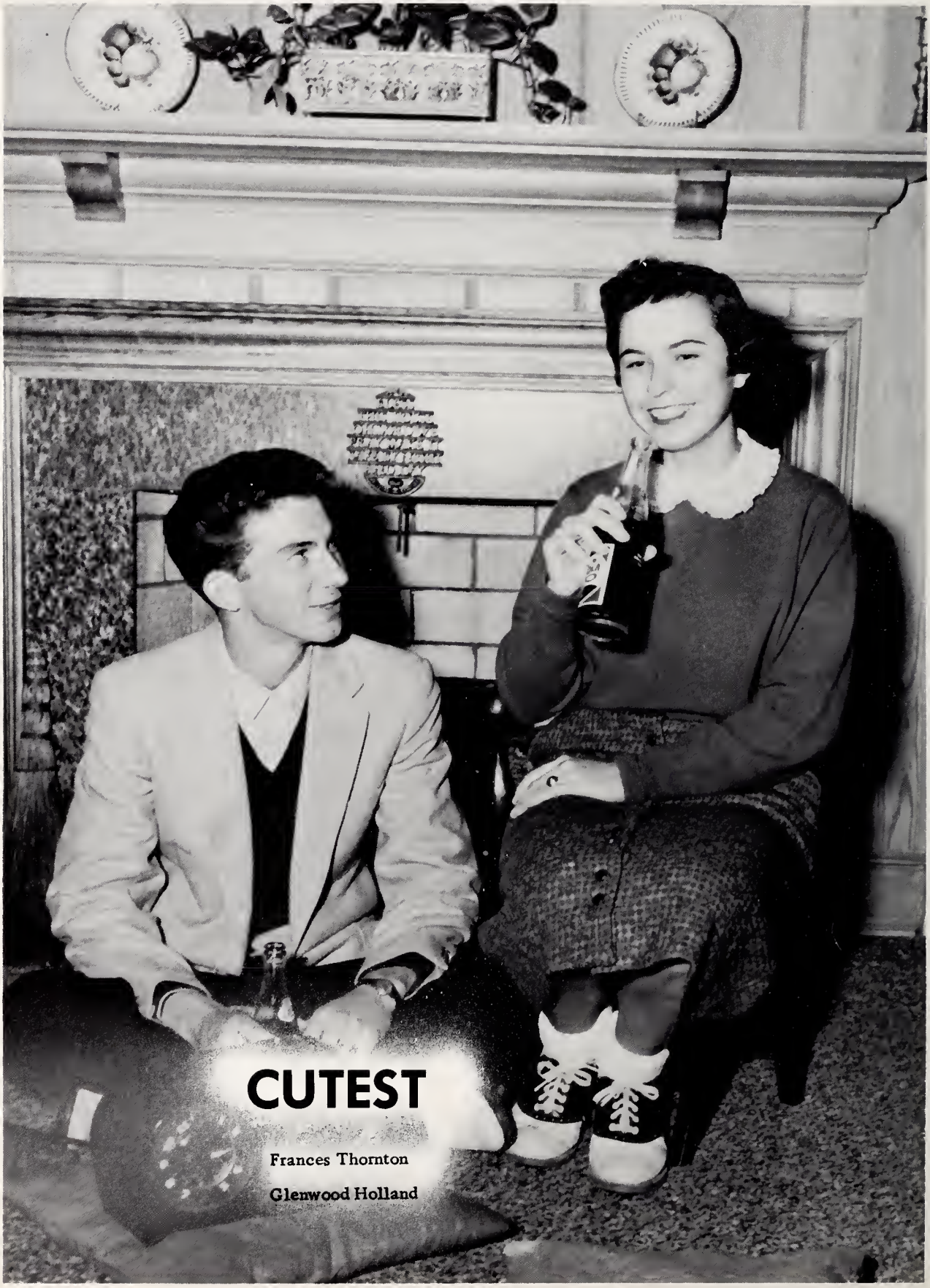
Rebecca Dixon

Billy Creech

MOST ATHLETIC

Jean Dale Freeman

Edward Stephenson



CUTEST

Frances Thornton

Glenwood Holland

WITTIEST

Ray Nell Eason

Don Clifton

BEST SPORT

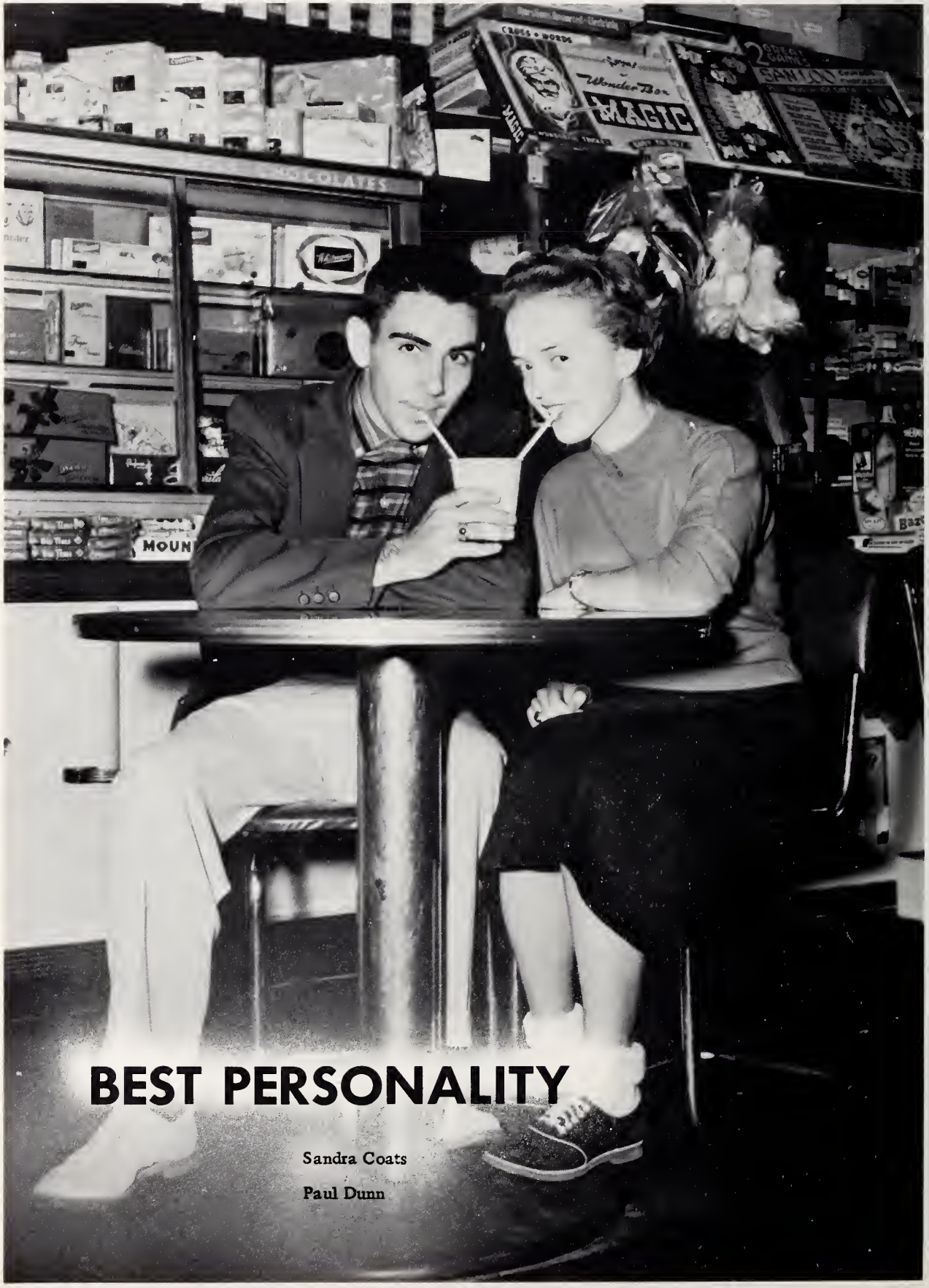
Barbara Stephenson

Johnny Strictland

BEST DRESSED

Sylvia Vernelson

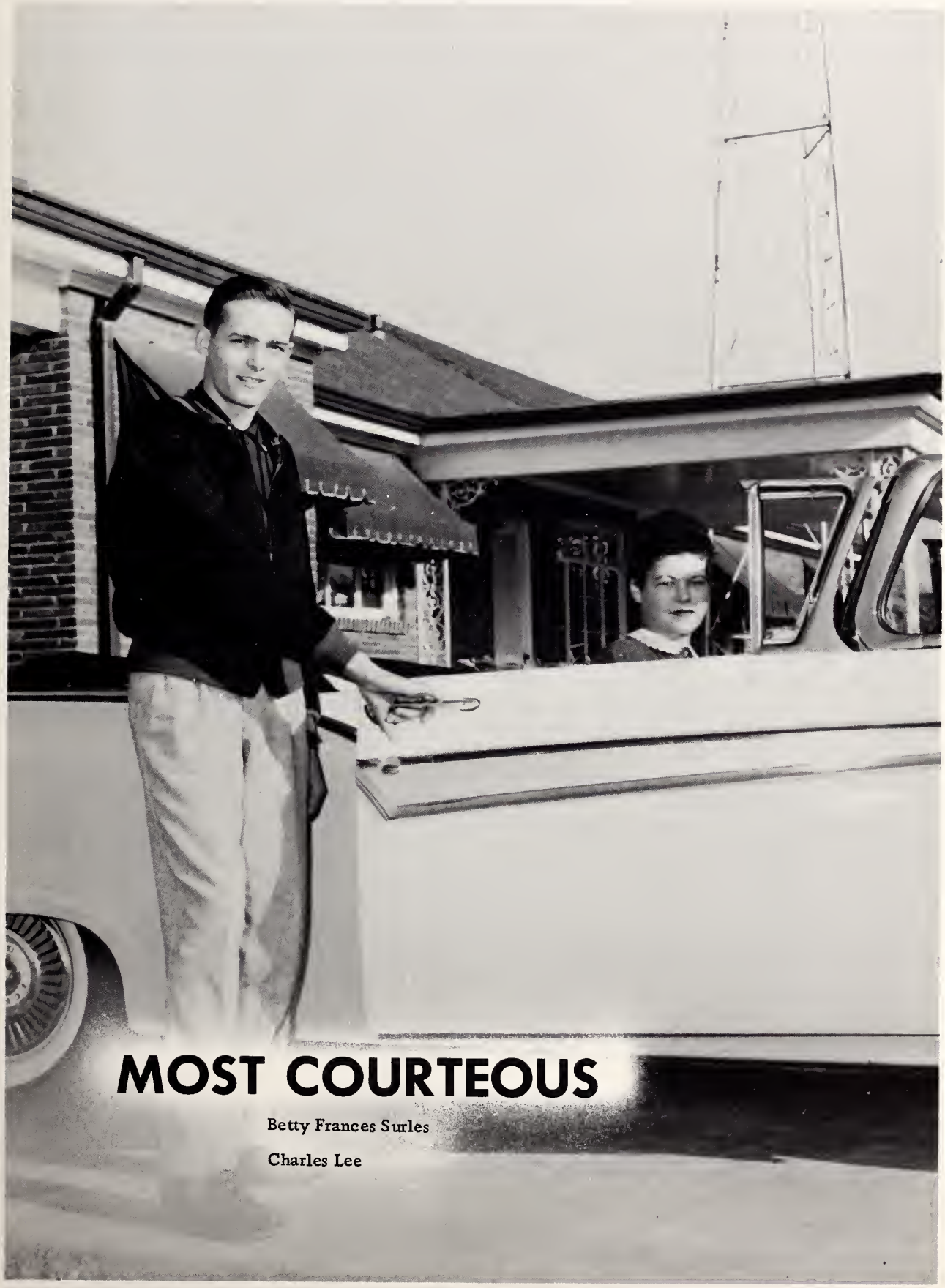
Landis Coats



BEST PERSONALITY

Sandra Coats

Paul Dunn



MOST COURTEOUS

Betty Frances Surles

Charles Lee

PROPHECY

It's a warm June night in 1967, and as we come to a stop in front of the Smithfield Country Club, we pause and listen to the music. It is different from that to which we listened and danced only ten years ago.

As we are taking our seats J.R. Register, a big Chevrolet dealer, calls our attention to the Number I Band directed by Charles Holmes.

We notice that Jackie Woodall and Jean Benson are having a time looking after six kids and at the same time trying to get an autograph for the children from two great Yankee pitchers, Landis Coats and Edward Stephenson. Paul Dunn, a famous Television Producer is trying to get these boys to appear on "Person To Person." Charles Gibbs cuts a step and announces that he has an open date.

Glancing around the room we see Jean Wood, Joyce Benson, and Linda Hall surrounding Gerald Johnson, who is still looking for his one and only. Jean, Joyce and Linda are now doing secretarial work in Raleigh.

Kenneth Dorman is discussing his Charles Atlas Courses with Charles Ingram, Charles Lee, and Johnny Strictland who are merchants in Benson.

David Haller, the new Benson Review owner, is interviewing Billy Stuart who is entering his '57 Ford in the Darlington Races this year. During his spare time from his huge farms Jerry Morgan is Billy's mechanic.

We hear a roar of laughter and it's none other than Libby Massad and Carroll Allen talking over those good ole days in Dunn. Libby and Carroll are now residing in their homes near the S & S Grill.

Our attention is drawn to the Band Stand as we see Don Clifton who is taking time off from his Broadway Schedule to sing all those "Elvis Presley" songs. We thought Don would be a big Livestock Producer like Roy Byrd and Glenwood Holland. Roy and Glenwood now own farms near Benson.

Ray Nell Eason, now owner of Betty Gay's, is talking with some of her clerks, Louise Lee, Janet Lee, and Ollie McLamb. They wave at Betty Frances Surles, Frances Thornton, and Barbara Stephenson. Frances and Barbara are happy now that their husbands are out of service. Betty Frances is a private secretary.

As we dance we notice Zona Faye Barbour and Helen Allen. They are successful nurses at Rex Hospital and are also doing housework. Not far from the group we find Charles Blackman, a successful artist, trying to persuade Sylvia Gaines to let him paint her. Sylvia is a Hospital Technician at Duke Hospital.

Wandering over to the punch bowl we find W.A. Barbour, a leading engineer, talking to Pat Medlin and Jean Dale Freeman. Pat is both a housewife and famous hair stylist. Jean Dale is secretary and co-owner of the Lee Enterprizes.

Under a cloud of smoke we see C.L. Parker entertaining Doris Dunn, Arlette McLamb, and Glennie Boan who have a full time job keeping house.

Near the door we hear Rebecca Dixon, Bonnie Wheeler, and Sylvia Vernelson bringing each other up to date on their married life. Joining the group are Mary Frances Oakley and Sandra Coats who are living in Coats.

Seated on the sofa we find Ruth Barefoot and Barbara Coats. Ruth is a commercial teacher at Meadow and Barbara is a private secretary.

Arriving last is Peggy Nordan with her husband. Peggy has been married about twelve years and has three children.

As all say good-night, happy that they have renewed their old friendships, the Band plays "Auld Lang Syne."

CLASS HISTORY

September of 1953 revealed seventy-two green, scared, but proud students. At last we had reached that long-awaited goal--HIGH SCHOOL. Knowing that our freshman year would be the basis of our high school career, we elected Billy Johnson president to help us get off on the right foot. Thanks to our understanding sponsors, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Perkinson, and Mr. Thompson, we completed the hectic year.

Then in 1954 we began our sophomore year, decreased in number, but increased in ambition. As guiding lights we selected Billy Staurt, president; Don Clifton, vice-president; Frances Thornton, secretary; and Betty Frances Surles, treasurer, aided by Mr. Corbett and Mr. Stephens. The highlights of the year were the sponsoring of the Sauline Players and the tapping of eighteen members of our class as Beta Club members.

Looking forward to all the junior activities we eagerly began our junior year. Our class officers were Billy Johnson, president; Billy Stuart, vice-president; Betty Frances Surles, secretary; and Louise Lee, treasurer. We edited THE STUDENT under the guidance of W.A. Barbour, editor, with the aid of other members of our class. We also sponsored Stunt Night which was a real success. As March rolled around we presented our first play, "Here Comes Charlie." Because of the success of Stunt Night and our play, we gave the seniors one of the most beautiful banquets ever given. The theme Starlight, was beautifully carried out at the Johnston County Country Club. Our sponsors, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Woodworth, made these activities possible and most enjoyable for us. The Marshals chosen were W.A. Barbour, chief; Billy Johnson, Libby Massad, Sylvia Gaines, Zona Faye Barbour, Ray Nell Eason, Helen Allen, and Joyce Benson.

Finally the time arrived when we became dignified SENIORS. Leading us through our senior year were Don Clifton, president; Billy Stuart, vice-president; Betty Frances Surles, secretary; Louise Lee, treasurer; Sylvia Vernelson, assistant treasurer; and sponsors, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Lambert. Our hardest and most gratifying project of the year was the publication of THE TATLER. Next came our senior play, "A Pair of Country Kids," then, our Junior and Senior Banquet. During our senior year our class appreciated immensely the various parties given to us by our grade parents and the mascots, Mary Lynn Dunn and Davey Dunn.

One of the most important steps of our lives now confronts us GRADUATION. To this day we are anxiously looking forward. For some it will be the ending of school days; for others it will only be the completion of one phase of their educational development.

Libby Massad
Ray Nell Eason
Historians

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

State of North Carolina
County of Johnston
Town of Benson

We the members of the Senior Class of Benson High School, in this year of 1957, being of sound mind and body, wishing to leave some memorial of ourselves to our Alma Mater and under-classmen, do hereby, make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament.

Section I

Article 1.

To our dear old Alma Mater we leave our heartfelt love and gratitude.

Article 2.

To our parents we bequeath our utmost thankfulness for their many endeavors in helping us to reach our goal.

Section II

Article 1.

To the faculty we leave our appreciation for their understanding ways and patience throughout our high school days.

Article 2.

To our principal, Mr. W.J. Barefoot, we leave many years of peace after having to contend with us, and our thanks for his thoughtfulness.

Section III

Article 1.

To the Junior Class we leave our dignity, our trials and tribulations, and our worn out seats in the auditorium.

Article 2.

To the Sophomore Class we leave our unprejudiced minds and tolerance.

Article 3.

To the Freshman Class we leave our undiluted courage and ability to find our way.

Section IV

Article 1.

The following intellectuals do hereby make these bequeaths:

1. I, Carroll Duane Allen, leave my route to Dunn to anyone lucky enough to get a car and go that far.
2. I, Helen Joyce Allen, leave my love for cheerleading and my seat in Mr. Stephen's "second period study hall" to Marie Arrington.
3. I, Ruth Barefoot, leave my ability to graduate in three years to anyone brainy enough to do likewise.
4. I, W.A. Barbour, leave my ability to play a football game Friday night and work at City Marker Saturday to anyone that can do it.
5. I, Zona Faye Barbour, leave my ability to go steady with a State man to Dura Faye Barbour, wishing her all the luck in the world.
6. I, Jean Benson, leave my ability to get a diamond, a man, and then finish school to anyone.
7. I, Joyce Mae Benson, leave my abilities to anyone who can find them.
8. I, Charles Blackman, leave my drawing ability to Billy Parrish.
9. I, Glennie Boan, leave my shyness to James Boan.
10. I, Roy Byrd, leave my love for Four Oaks to Sherrill Johnson.
11. I, Don Clifton, leave my ability to "rock 'n' roll" the auditorium at lunch time to anyone with the nerve.
12. I, Barbara Jean Coats, leave my seat in the Senior homeroom to my sister, Mary Coats.
13. I, Landis Reuben Coats, leave my ability to play baseball to Haywood Dorman.
14. I, Sandra Coats, leave my ability to date Coats boys and to go steady with them to my cousins, Sue Bailey and Sarah Whittington, who seem to be following in my footsteps.
15. I, Rebecca Dixon, leave my job as Mrs. Sorrells' "private secretary" to anyone who has the time and patience.
16. I, Kenneth Dorman, leave my "chemistry brain" to Wayne Parrish.

17. I, Doris Mae Dunn, leave my ability of going steady with a certain boy who drives a Ford to Jackie Allen.
18. I, Paul Dunn, leave my road to Pearidge to anyone who can keep the road paved.
19. I, Ray Nell Eason, leave all my jokes to Romie Eason with this motto: "Smile and the world smiles with you."
20. I, Jean Dale Freeman, leave my title as "Most Athletic," and my ability to handle all situations, to my sister, Judy Freeman.
21. I, Sylvia Alice Gaines, leave my ability to do everything at the last minute to Lucinda Matthews.
22. I, Charles H. Gibbs, leave my ability to sleep in class to Phil Norris.
23. I, Linda Hall, leave and say goodbye.
24. I, David Haller, leave my position as left end on the football team to my brother, Edward Haller.
25. I, Glenwood Holland, leave my wavy hair to Tommy Stephenson.
26. I, Charles Holmes, leave my love for music to Keith Neighbors and Roy Jones, with the motto: "Louder and Better."
27. I, Charles Ingram, leave my quietness to Annie Ruth Lee, I.
28. I, Gerald Johnson, leave my seat in the library sixth period to Tommy Barbour.
29. I, Charles Lee, leave my school bus to Billy Lee.
30. I, Janet Rose Lee, leave my seat in the Senior homeroom to Louie Belle Johnson.
31. I, Louise Lee, leave my job as class treasurer to anyone foolish enough to accept.
32. I, Mary Elizabeth Massad, leave my ability to think of something to say at all times to Linda Faye Wood.
33. I, Patricia Lane Medlin, leave my ability to wait for a boy to Brenda Langdon.
34. I, Jerry Morgan, leave Benson High School and my new school bus with a satisfied mind.
35. I, Arlette McLamb, leave my auburn hair to my sister Carolyn McLamb.
36. I, Ollie McLamb, leave my patience to sit at home and wait for my boyfriend who is overseas to anybody who is unlucky enough to have one over there.
37. I, Peggy Nordan, leave my ability to catch a man to Judy Dixon.
38. I, Mary Frances Oakley, leave my ability to be at the Coats Theater almost every Saturday night to anyone able to get there.
39. I, C. L. Parker, leave my ability to interrupt classes to Billy Godwin.
40. I, J. R. Register, leave my ability to go out every night, come to school late, give a good excuse, and get by with it to Dale Holmes.
41. I, Barbara Stephenson, leave my lonely nights to anyone whose boyfriend is in the Air Force.
42. I, Edward Stephenson, leave my athletic build to Charles Ray Ennis.
43. I, Johnny Strickland, leave my courteous ways to Roy Jones.
44. I, Billy Stuart, leave my ability to pick up a fumble and make a touchdown to Dan Johnson.
45. I, Betty Frances Surles, leave my carefree ways and good times to Melba Grey Beasley.
46. I, Frances Thornton, leave my love of sports and ability to eat candy in Mr. Stephen's study hall without getting caught to Max Barbour.
47. I, Sylvia Dora Vernelson, leave my title of "Best Dressed" to my sister, Delores Vernelson.
48. I, Ruth West, leave my friendless ways to Becky West.
49. I, Bonnie Faye Wheeler, leave my ability not to go steady to Emma Lou Holmes with this saying, "Steady business usually leads to marriage."
50. I, Jean Wood, leave my blonde hair, and desire for a brown-eyed handsome man to Linda Suggs and Martha Glover.
51. I, Jackie Woodall, leave my ability to go steady with one boy for two years and finish school to anyone who can.

Testators
Helen Allen
Betty Frances Surles

SENIOR WHEELS

1. Baby Doll??; 2. "Here Comes Charlie"; 3. Well, how 'bout that!; 4. You ready??; 5. Here I be!!; 6. Love and Marriage!; 7. Anytime!; 8. Oh, you beautiful dolls!!!; 9. Watch that rock!; 10. It's snowing!; 11. Gone fishin'.; 12. Swimmin' anyone?; 13. Foreward!!; 14. Pals, that's us!; 15. Dungaree Doll!; 16. Love that man!!; 17. Pretty Baby!; 18. Men Working!; 19. Sitting pretty!; 20. Just us.; 21. Dig that crazy pose!; 22. Snow?; 23. Perch!!; 24. Guess who!; 25. Smiles!!; 26. Cute couple, huh!; 27. Motor trouble?.

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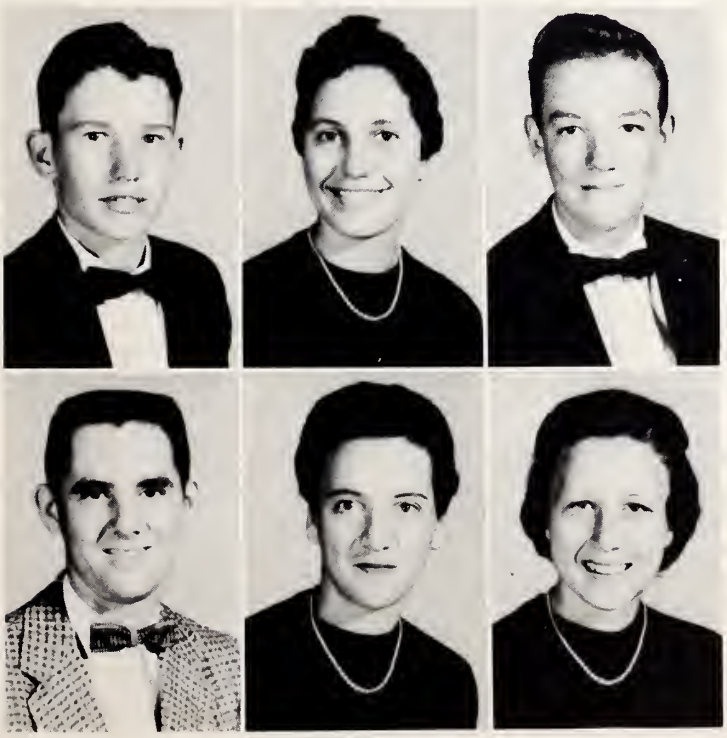

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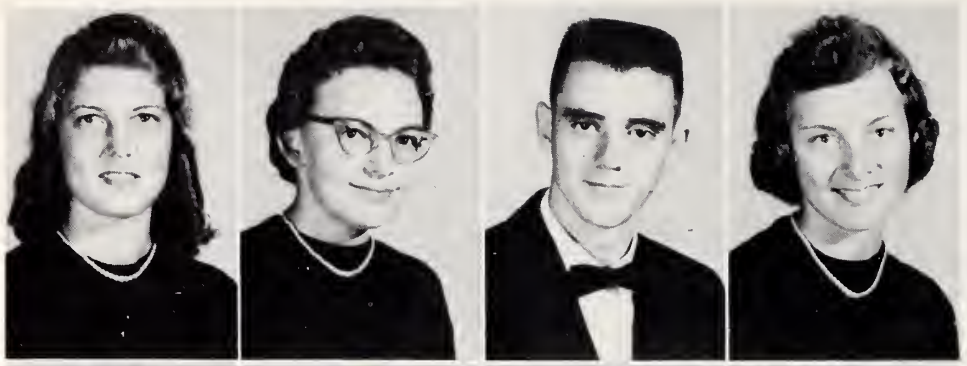

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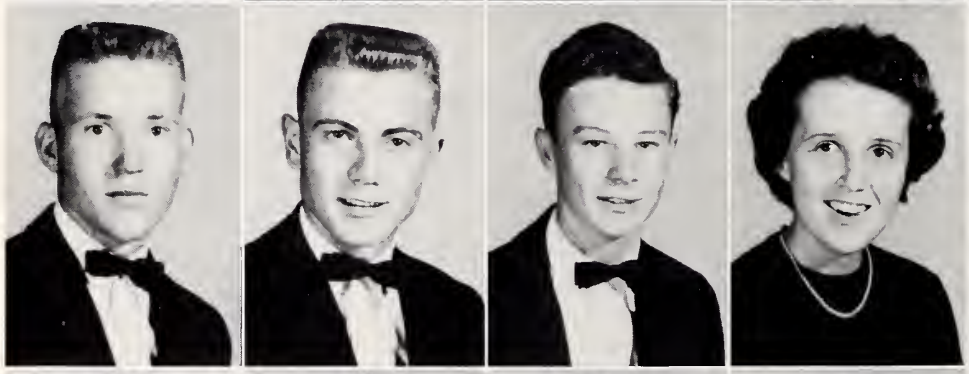

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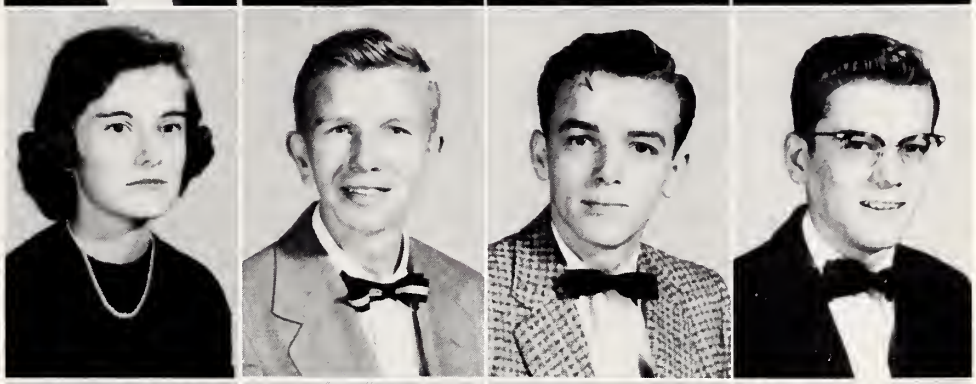

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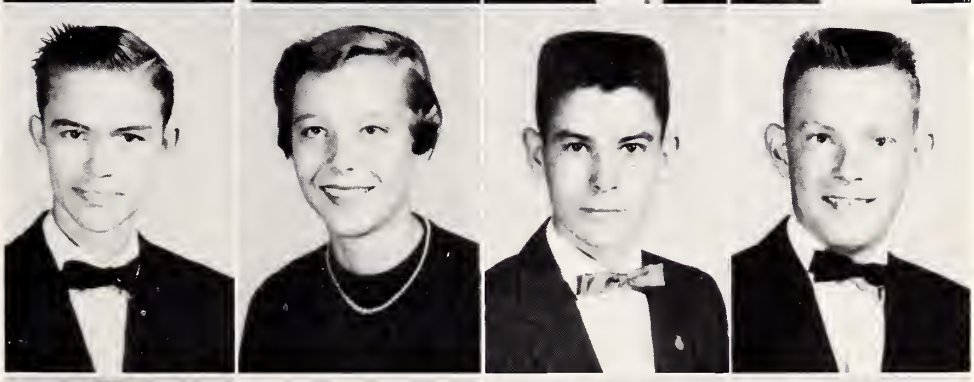

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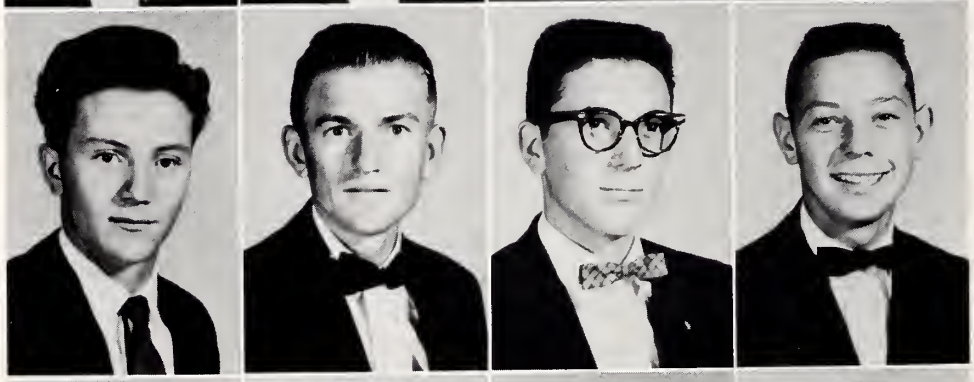

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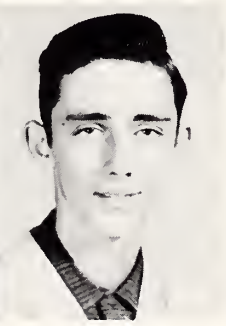

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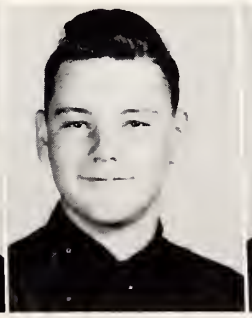

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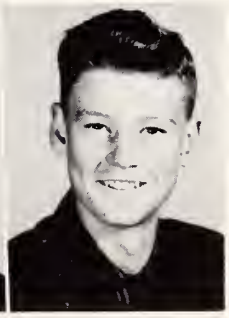

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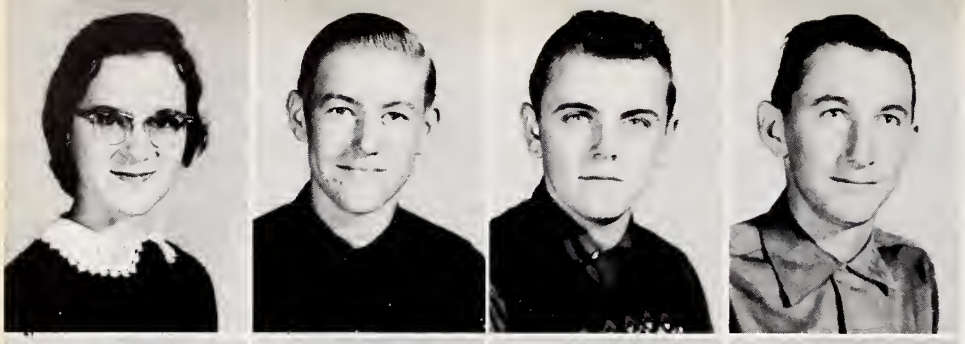

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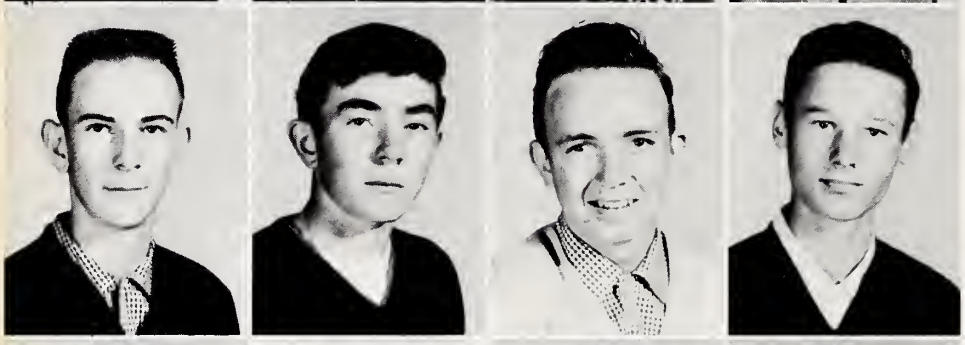

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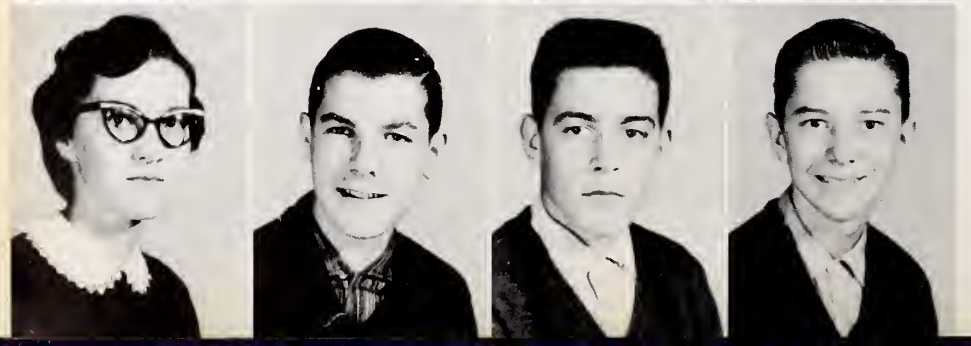

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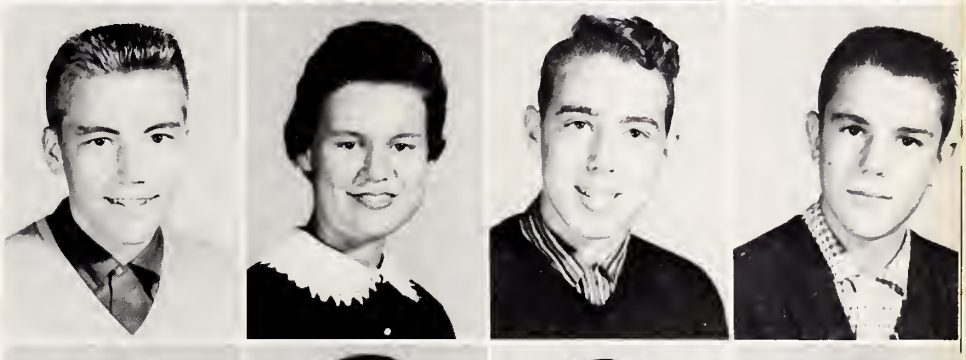

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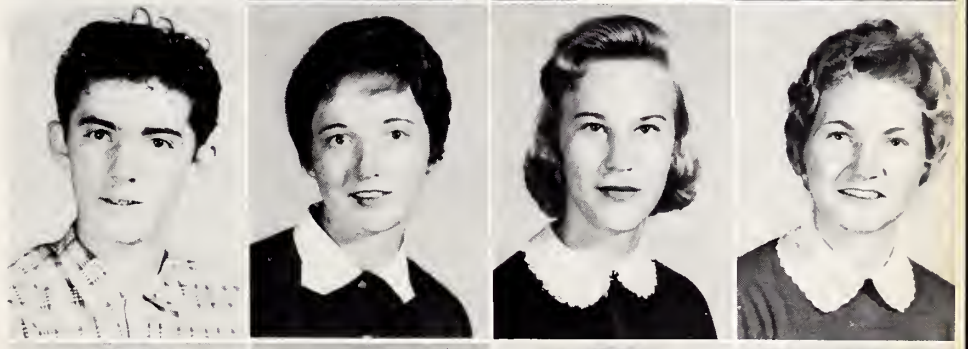

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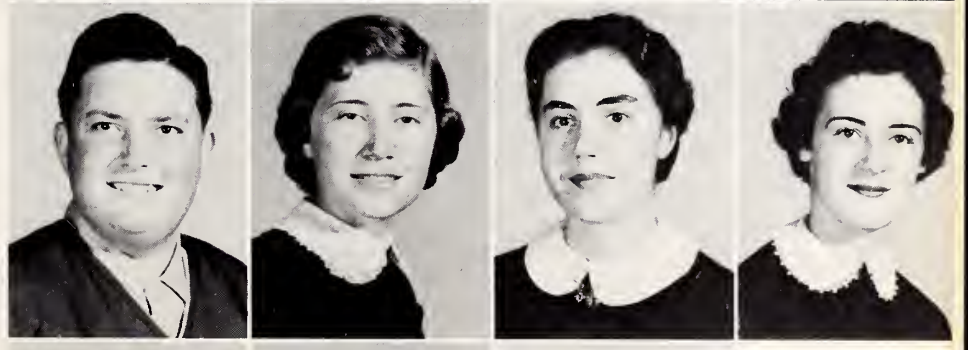

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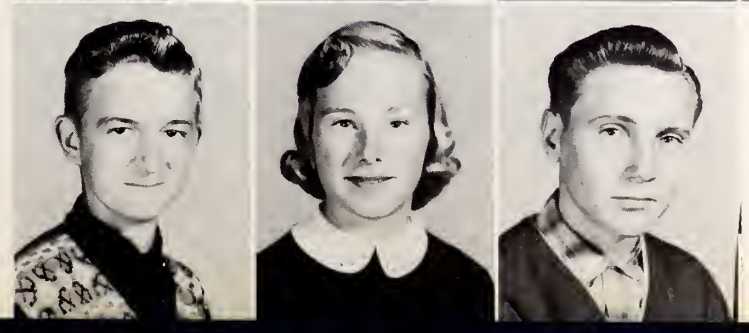

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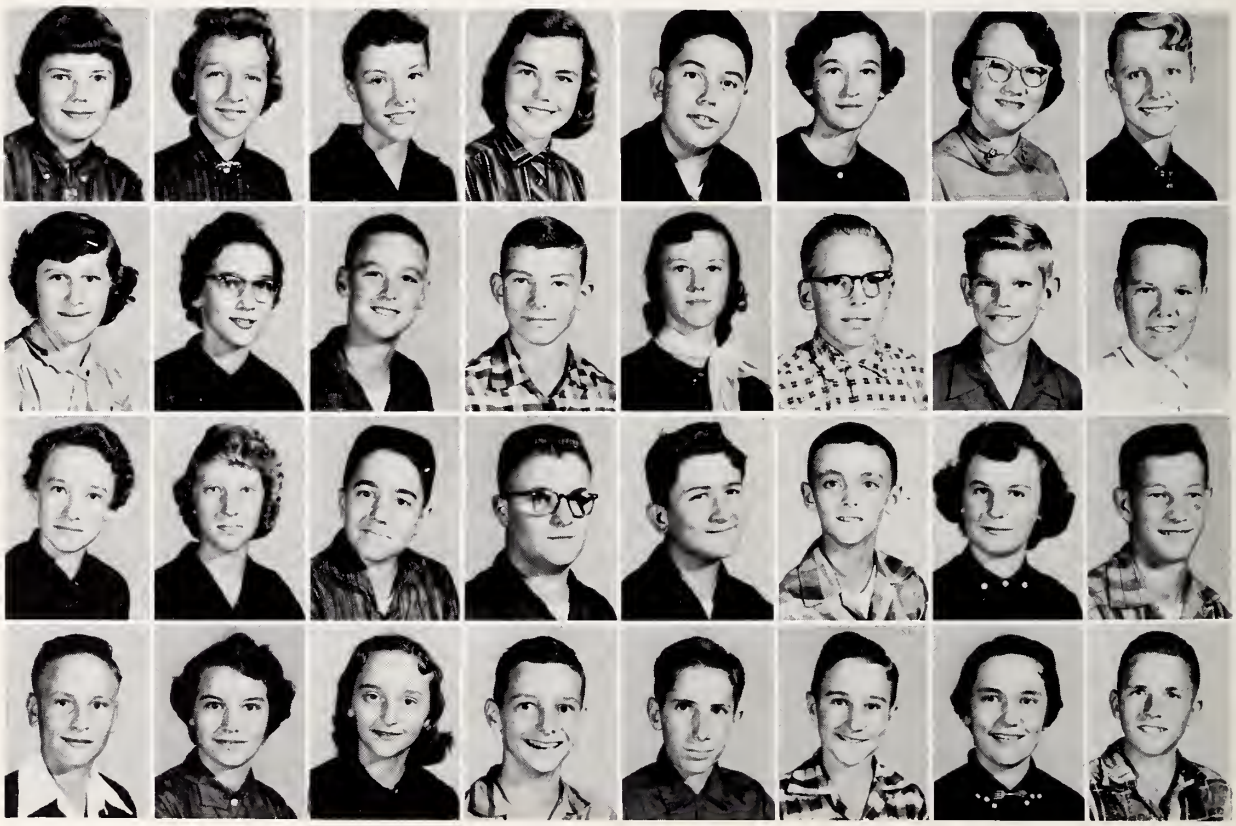

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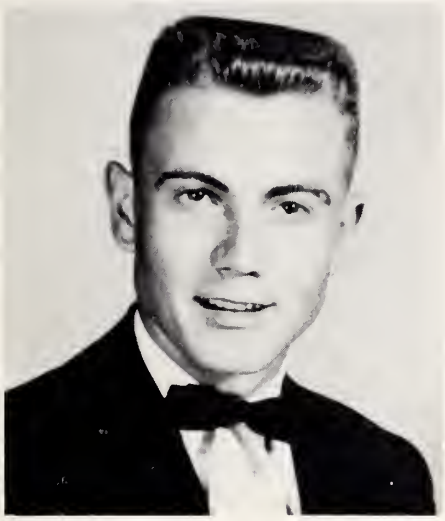

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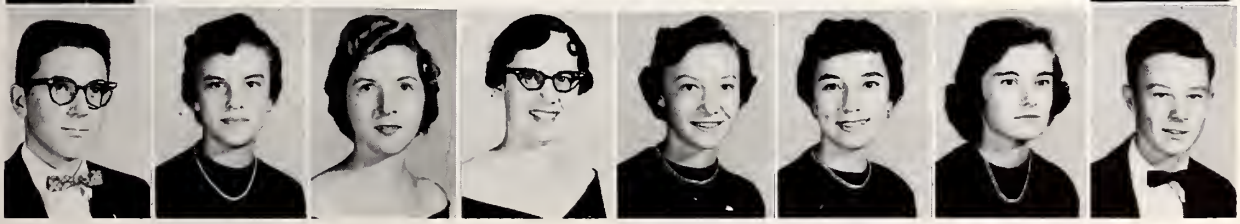

MARSHALS

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SPORTS

Cheerleaders

LEFT to RIGHT: Jean Dale Freeman, Chief; Betty Ann Wood, Marie Arrington, Sylvia Gaines, Jan Sorrell, and Helen Allen.

School Song

Now when the Benson team falls into line,
We're going to win this game, yes, everytime,
Our colors Blue and Gold fly everywhere;
We are so happy when we see them flying there.
We've come to fight, to conquer, and to win;
Our players are so eager to begin.
We're going to win this game, yes, everytime.
Fall in line!
Three cheers for Benson High!
RAH! RAH! RAH!

HOMECOMING QUEEN

Sylvia Gaines

FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Jimmy Levinson, Manager, Paul Dunn, J. R. Register, Billy Stuart, W. A. Barbour, David Haller, and W. T. Sorrell, Manager. SECOND ROW: Larry Miller, Vasco Creech, Jimmy Stuart, Romie Eason, and Haywood Dorman. THIRD ROW: Dan Johnson, Gerald Denning, Paul Gibbs, Glenn Bailey, Don Parrish, and Ken Johnson. FOURTH ROW: M. G. Johnson, Jr., Edward Haller, Vaden Holmes, and Don Matthews. NOT PICTURED: Glenn Barefoot, Sherwood Stewart, and Charles Blackman.

Mr. Judson Stephens, Assistant Coach

Mr. Paul Hollingsworth, Coach

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Judy Dixon, Betty Jo Johnson, Brenda Langdon, Sue Creech, Linda Allen, Linda Faye Wood, and Judy Freeman. SECOND ROW: Mr. Paul Hollingsworth, Coach, Becky Smith, Manager, Ann Currin, Peggy Norris, Martha Hill, Jackie Allen, Wanda Adams, Janet Johnson, Miranda Hudson, and Sarah Whittington. THIRD ROW: Carolyn Sue Massengill, Gaynell Ennis, Joyce Creech, Sue Lynn Bailey, Judith Whittington, Mary Woody Stone, Rachel Tart, Brenda Stephenson, Janet Stephenson, and Brenda Johnson.

Linda Faye Wood, Guard
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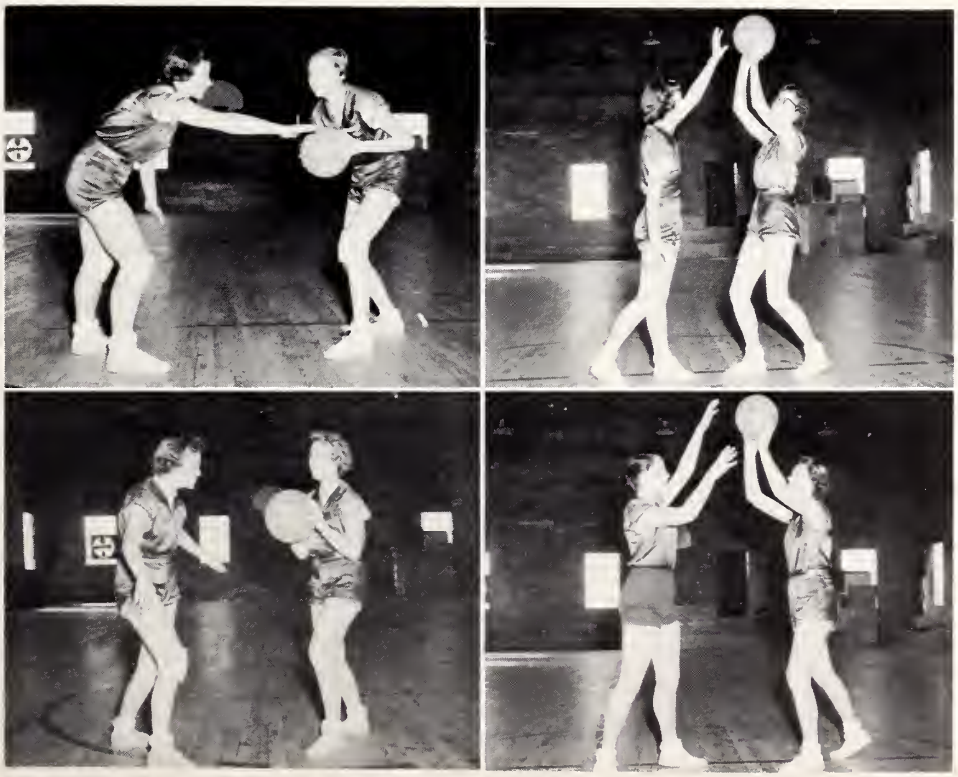
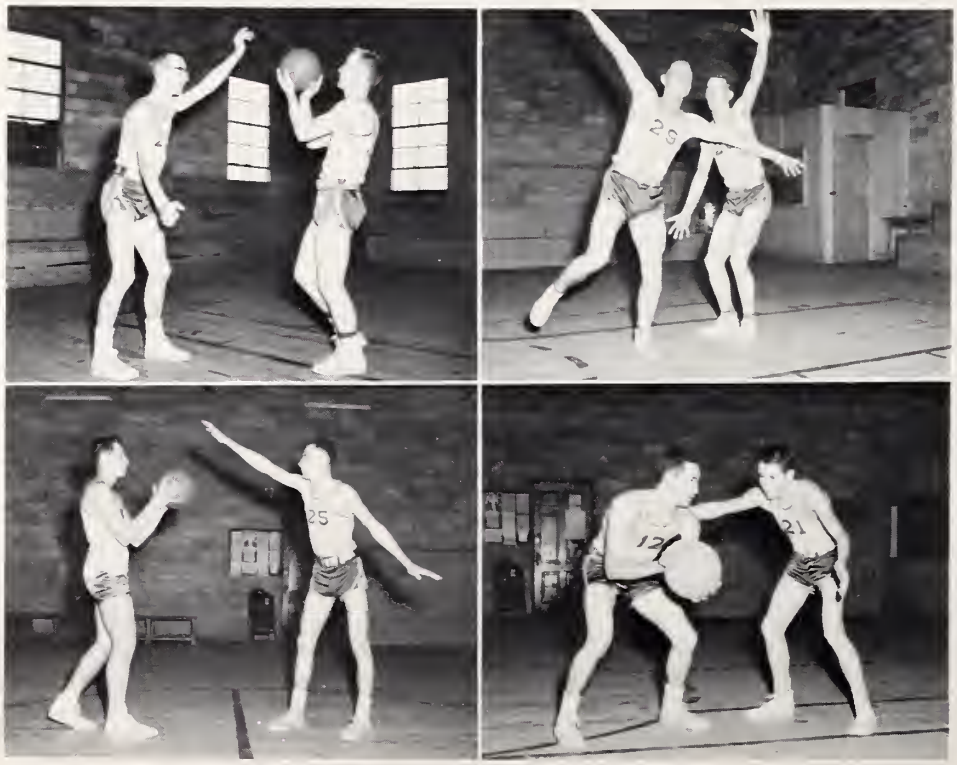


BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Larry Miller, Jimmy Stuart, Max Johnson, Andrew Norris, and Charles Ray Ennis. SECOND ROW: Judson Stephens, Coach, Don Clifton, Billy Stuart, David Haller, Edward Stephenson, Landis Coats, and W. A. Barbour, Manager.



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Don Clifton, Guard

Charles Ray Ennis, Forward
Andrew Norris, Center

Edward Stephenson, Forward
David Haller, Forward

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Larry Miller, Guard

BASEBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Connie Holland, Lee Ray, Barefoot, Gordon McLamb, Edward Haller, Jennings Capps, Randall Holland, and Elbert Massad. SECOND ROW: Guan Barbour, Stacy Blackman, Philip Dudley, Jerry Penny, Scott Amis, M. G. Johnson, Jr., Don Matthews, and James Allen. THIRD ROW: Paul Gibbs, Larry Miller, Tommy Barbour, Glenn Bailey, Jackie Ennis, Haywood Dorman, Max Barbour, and Gerald Denning. FOURTH ROW: Jerry Langdon, Landis Coats, Don Clifton, Charles Gibbs, Edward Stephenson, W.A. Barbour, and Judson Stephens, Coach.

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